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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 to 7

Part B. for March 1910.

SUBJECT.

Levy of Pilgrim fee during the Mastakabhishekam Ceremony of Sri Gomateswara Swamy at Sravanabelagola

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No 413 dt 23-2-10

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R. S. 582 To the Dt Magte, Hassan, President Dt Board Hassan

The Comptroller to Govt & the I.G. of Police No J 2550-38 2-3-10

Approves of the District Magistrate's proposals

A. T. D.

3 From the Deputy Comr. Hassan $\frac{418}{S}$ dt 28-2-10

Submits for orders copy of a petition from the inhabitants of Sravanabelagola protesting against the levy of a pilgrim fee during the Mastakabhisheka Ceremony of Sri Gomateswara Swamy.

4. To the Deputy Commissioner ~~of~~ Hassan dt

No. J 2571 dt 4-3-1910.

Directs him to place himself at once in personal communication with the Sravanabelagola Mutta & the leading Jains of the place and come to a settlement acceptable to them as well as to Govt & Dt Board

5 From Chandria & others of Sravanabelagola dt 25-2-10.

Prays that the proposal to levy a pilgrim fee of 3 pies on ~~Co~~ persons coming to Sravana belagola, ~~from~~ for the ensuing ~~mas~~ mastakabhisheka Ceremony ~~of Smt~~ Sravanabelagola

6 ~~If~~ From the Dy Comr Hassan ~~dt 4-3-10 to 435 dt~~

No. 11-3-10.

States that a satisfactory arrangement has been made by accepting the bid of one Chennaveera Setty for the right of collecting tolls as well as fees under all heads during the period of the festival for Rs 2000, with the condition that he should not levy pilgrim fee at all

7 To the Dt Magte Hassan Dt, the D.S. of Police & the Comptroller No. J 2800-2

14-2-10

Records the above

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(Police.)

NOTES.

File No. 148-09

FILE HEADING.

Levy of pilgrim fee during the Imastakabhi-shekam ceremony of Sri Gomateswaraswami at Sravanabelgola.

From

The Dt. Magte., Hassan Dt.

No. 413 Dated 23-2-10 Received

Diary No. 1215 | Enclos. -- | Spare Copies .. | Serial No.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Proposes to levy a pilgrim fee (under Section 42 Sub Section 2 (1) of the Police Regulation) of 3 pies from each adult entering Sravanabelgola, to grant a receipt for each payment in order to obviate double levy & to sell the right of collecting the fee with a view to prevent evasion

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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Routine Notes.

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Immediate

In reply to ℔.o No. 6905-1 Jud 217-09 ℔ 9th Jany 1910, the Secretary, Govt of the Board of Revenue recommends in his letter No. 413 923 Jany 1910 the levy of Pilgrim fees & tolls &c. As the levy of Pilgrim fees is under the Police Regn the question has to be dealt with in Br III & so an extract from the letter is put up for being sent to Branch III for necessary action.

N. B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

GPB—45,000—19-5-08

3 Policefile no 148 of 09-10 3

Copy of Med. O referred to above has already been sent to Bde HQ. Further information required may be had from Branch HQ, where the question relating to it is being dealt with separately to annual duty Lt Col Medical

NS 25/2/10 agr) ✓ 25/2/10

Med 25/2

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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3 Subo. for orders with a draft approving the Dk. Mayo's proposal regarding the levy of the pilgrim fee.
B.G. 26.2.10. (Imposition of new taxes – Sanctioned Matter)

26/2/10

Secy

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26/2/10

4. Approved.

1238 / 26.2.10

5. Please process this quickly thro the Council & supersede issue of orders

26/2/10

6 Submit to 2nd Secr at once

26/2/10.

Draft approved by the 2nd Secr

7 Submitted

4761 / 26.2.10

26/2/10

Approved 28 Feb 9

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No.	
2	To The H.C. Mafia, Hasaan, The President H.C.B.D. Hasaan, The Comptroller & The 9.9.P. 2no. J 2550-3 dtd 2.3.10. Approves of the H.C. Mafia proposals.

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GPB—55,000—27-4-09

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

Police File No. 148 of 1909-10

Serial No. 3

From

The Dy. Comr., Hassan. 418/5 Dt. 28.2.10.

Submits for orders copy of a petition from the inhabitants of Sravanabelagola protesting against the levy of a pilgrim fee during the Maskabhishekam ceremony of Srigomateswaraswami.

10 The papers relating to the subject are with the Dewan. It will be seen from the present letter that the levy of the fee has been sanctioned. The Dy. Comr. suggests that

(1) if the petitioners or the Swami of the Sravanabelagola Matt agree to pay, in advance, any reasonable contribution towards the temporary conservancy & sanitary charges (to meet a portion of which the pilgrim fee is levied) the Govt. may withdraw their instructions directing the levy of the fee or

(2) instead of levying the fee the Sravanabelagola Matt may be directed to pay out of the amount due at its credit (viz Rs 16661-8-6 nearly) the portion of the expenses

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which the pilgrim fee was intended to cover.

11 It is stated that an endorsement has been given to the petitioners enquiring if they or the Mall are willing to pay, in advance, a sum sufficient to meet that portion of the expenses intended to be recovered by the levy of the pilgrim fee, in the event of the fee not being levied. A reply to this endorsement may perhaps be awaited.

B.G. 2-3-10. SW 2/3/10

12 Subo. for orders.

2/3/10

13 The Dy Commr's action places Govt in an awkward position. He ought to have consulted local opinion before he made the first proposals. Orders are under issue sanctioning the levy of the tax.

Dewan Mrongpi 1st Cr

GAB 2/3/10

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1289. 2-3-10

The Dy Commr should have consulted the Jaintia Swamis & the leaders of Jaintia Community before making a proposal of

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the Kind. He had plenty of time to do it.

15 He should be asked to place himself in personal Communication with the Math and leading Jains of Shravan Belgola and come to a settlement acceptable to them as well as to Government & D.B. Board no time to be lost. H.R.M. 2/3/10.

4827/2176/10. I agree. 3/3/10

17 Inform D.C. at once. Put up draft & submit for my signature. 4/3/10

18 Subd. with a draft.

B.G. 4.3.10. 4/3/10

19 It may perhaps be observed that the Jain Swami of the Shravana Belgola mutt has not apparently objected to the tax. The petitioners are represented to be Jain inhabitants of Shravana Belgola but it is not clear whether they represent the views of any large section of the people. 4/3/10.

20 Approved. Issue at once. 4/3/10

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4	To The Dy. Comr., Hassan Dt. no. J2571 dt 4-3-10. Direct him to place himself at once in personal communication with the Sravanabelagola Matt & the leading Jains of the place and come to a settlement acceptable to them as well as to Govt. & Dt. Bd.

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22 Petition of Chandra & others of Sivanabelagoda praying that the proposal to levy pilgrim tax on the occasion of Mahakandiseekam ceremony may be held in abeyance

23. Secy's order

to 1st Committee with compliments

(Sd) J H R

7. 9. 10

24 Branch W

(Sd) W. P. P 8.3.11

25 The question relating to the levy of pilgrim

N. B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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Box was dealt with
in Branch III. This may
be transferred there.

26 Actioned

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8/3/10 27 Yes. May be
transferred to Br III
8.3.10. [illegible]

[illegible]

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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5	from Chemical Offrs of Sravanabelagola. Police Dt 25.2.10. Pray that the proposal to levy a pilgrim tax of 3 pies per head on persons coming to Sravanabelagola for the Mastakabhishekam ceremony may be held in abeyance. 28 This is the same as the copy of the petition received with ol. no 3 Subd. for orders. The Dy Comrs further report may be awaited. B.S. 10.3.10. SW 14/3/10 29 The Dy. Comrs. report was received in the meanwhile.
6	from The Dy. Comr. Hassan. no. 435/5 Dt 11.3.10. States that a satisfactory arrangement has been made by accepting the offer of one Chamaveera Setty of Krishnarajpet applying for the right of collecting tolls as well as fees under all heads, during the period of the festival, for Rs 2000 with the condition that he should not levy pilgrim fee at all. 30 Subd. for orders. Recd Order on the letter "Subd to Dewan thro' Councillor" Dewan thro' Dy C. 16/3/10 SW 31 may be recorded 16/3/10 SW

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G. R. S. 12]
General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No.	
–	33 - Sub-D. with a Draft as directed
	B.G. 21/7/10
	34 2 Secy 24 22/7/10. v/3
7	To the District Magistrate, Hassan District
	The I.G. of Police in Mysore
	The Comptroller to Govt. No. J 2800-2 & 24-3-10
	Records the above—

B Rec 24/7/10

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No. 413 D 23-2-10

File no 148-09
Sl. no. 1

From

P. R. W. Wetherall Esq
Ag Magistrate, by command
and President Ag Board,
Hassan

To

C. S Balasundaram Iyer Esq B.A
Offg Secretary to the Govt of His
the Maharaja of Mysore
General and Rev Depts
Bangalore

Sir

With reference to your Proc
no 6905-6 (Mul-217-09 d the 9th July 1910,
directing that the proposal to constitute
the local area of Sravanabelagola into
a periodical municipality on the
occasion of the Mahamakhabhishekam
festival at the place, cannot be
sanctioned and requesting me to

take necessary action under Sec 42
. the Impure Police Regulation and
expressing that the St Board is
competent to levy fees on cart stands &c
on the occasion, I have the honor
to state that I propose a levy of pilgrim
fee of 3 pies from each adult person
entering Sivanandalagala on foot,
and that a receipt be granted for
each payment which will obviate double
levy. With a view to prevent evasion
I propose to sell the rights of collection
of this fee

2 As regards those persons entering
Sivanandalagala in conveyances, the
St Board, at the meeting held on
the 21st instant have resolved to
levy toll on conveyances & laden
animals. at the rates originally noted
rates subject to the condition that
there will be no levy of any fee
on persons who are occupants of
conveyances on which toll is
paid. It is proposed to establish
temporary toll gates from the

each laden conveyance u-4-00

each empty conveyance u-2-00

each laden animal u-1-00

5th March to 15th April 1910 on roads & cart tracks leading to Sravanabelgola near Kachenahalli & the junction of the cart track leading from Bavane. belonging to the Nagamangala road —

&c &c

&c &c

(Sd) P. R. W. Wetherall
Secretary, by command
of President

Note. The toll & pilgrim fees income from estimated at 1000 Rs — (Information furnished in the statement showing the estimated income & expenditure). The total estimated income is Rs 2000 & the estimated expenditure also is the same on Government, sanction to arrangements.

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File No. 148-9

Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to _____

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.
(Police)

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Date of issue 2nd March 10.

Signed by Mr C.B. Balasubbaramm
Supt

76 W

READ.—

G.P. no. 6905-6-Jud 217-09 dated the 9th February 1910 directing the D.C. Mysore of the Hassan D.C. to submit proposals ~~for~~ for keeping a pilgrim tax under Section 42, Sub-Section (2) of the Mysore Police Regulation from the 1st March to 15th April 1910, the period of the "Mastakabhisheka" ceremony of Sri Gomateswaraswami

ORDER THEREON.—No.

over

SUBJECT

Colo Muraari Rao
2/3
Supt N 7/3/10

MGCPB—5,000—11-9-04

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at Sravanabelagola, with
an explanation of the
arrangements he would make
for preventing an evasion
of the levy and for protecting
pilgrims against a double
levy. ——————————

2. Letter no. 413 dated the
23rd Feb 1910 from the Dt.
Magte. of the Hassan Dt.
proposing to levy a pilgrim
fee of 3 pice from each adult
entering Sravanabelagola on
foot, to grant a receipt for
each payment in order to prevent
& obviate double levy and
to sell the right of collecting
the fee with a view to
prevent evasion

Letter from Dt. Magte. Hassan No. J 2550-3 / Police 148-9-2 dt 23-3-10

The proposals of the Dt. Magte. to levy a pilgrim fee during the period reckoned from the 1st March 1910 to 15th April 1910 and to sell the right of collecting the fee are approved. His proposal to grant a receipt for each payment and to sell the right of collecting the fee is also sanctioned for the purpose.

To
The Dt. Magte. of the Hassan
The President Board of
The Comptroller
The Police

Very Urgent

1909-10.

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Deputy Commissioner's Office,
Hassan District.
Dated Hassan, 28th, Feby. 1910.

From,

P.R.W.Wetherall Esq.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

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To,

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer Esq., B.A.
Offg. Secretary to the Government
of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore
General and Revenue Departments;
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith for information and orders of Government, copy of a petition today received by Registered Post, from the Jain inhabitants of Shravanabel--gula, alleging that the levy of pilgrim fee at 3 pies each, on the occasion of the festival at Shravanabelgula is an innovation and that this levy will be disgraceful to the Jain Sect.

2. The levy of the said fee was recommended in my letterNo. 413 dated 23rd. Instant, in accordance with instructions of Government, and has been sanctioned in the telegram to--day received from the Dewan Sahib's camp at Hiriur. If the petitioners, or the Swami of the Matt, agree to pay in advance, any reasonable contribution towards the cost of maintain--ing the temporary conservancy &c establishment necessary for the occasion, Government may (if approved) be pleased to direct the withdrawal of their instructions for levy of pilgrim fee on persons entering Shravanabelgola on foot, during the period of the festival. Or, if Government deem fit, the balance of the cost may be ordered to be defrayed out of the amount at the credit of the Shravanabelgola Matt which was Rs16,661-8-6 on the 1st. October 1909, and no large expenditure has been since incurred. 3. An endorsement

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with report

1909-10

From P.R.W.Wetherall Esq 2196
Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District. file no 149

2/3/10

To C.S.Balasundaram Iyer Esq B.A.
Offg.Secretary to Govt. of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl.and Rev. Depts Bangalore

Dated 28th. February 1910.

Despatched

Received

General No. 418
No. S.

Enclosure No. One

Subject.

Submitting for favour of orders copy of a petition received from the inhabitants of Shra-vanabelagula praying that pil-grim fee on the occasion of the festival there may not be levied

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has been now given to the petitioners enquiring whe-
-ther they, or the Swamy of the Matt, are willing to
pay in advance, a sum sufficient to meet the deficit
in the event of the pilgrim fee not being levied.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

P M Wetherall

Deputy Commissioner,

Hassan District.

S.V.

To,

The District Board
President
Hassan.

Most honoured Sir,

With profound submission, we the undersigned Jain inhabitants of Sravanabelgola most humbly and respectfully beg to bring to your honor's kind notice, that we hear from a reliable source that your honour has been discussing in the above District Board meeting held on 21st February 1910 to the effect that a tax of 3 pies per head for all the persons who attend to the ensuing Shree Gomateswara (Mastakabisheka Pooja). This practice is not ah any time has been taken into effect

and

and this practice is utterly disgraceful to the Jain Sect. Hence we most heartily beg that this order may be kept in abeyance.

For which act of kindness we shall as in duty bound pray to the Almighty for Your honours long life and health and prosperity.

25-2-10. Beg to remain Sir

(Signed) Sahukar Gowda Padma-
Rajiah and others.

"Copy"

B. W. Wetherall

President District Board

Hassan

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Police

File No. 148

Serial No. 4

Diary No. of letter replied to _____

No J 25-71.

General and Revenue Secretariat
(Police)
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To

The Dy. Comr., Hanwella

Sir

Adverting to the correspondence ending with your letter dtd. 418 dated the 28th February 1910 regarding the levy of a pilgrim fee during the Mastakabhishekam ceremony of Srigonalleswara swami at Sravanabelagola, I am directed to state that Govt. desire you to place yourself (at once) in personal communication with the Sravanabelagola Mahatmas and the leading Jains of the place and come to a settlement acceptable

over.

Date of issue 4th March 1910

Signed by Mr C.S. Balasundaram
Dyer.

SUBJECT.

To Chief as well as to Govt Bd Board

Thanks

Ack

For Secretary

E.G. 4-3-10.

List of enclosures

Copied by VRVarasimhayya 4/3

Examined by EN

GPB—10,000—20-4-06.

1910.

No. 1447

Name of Petitioner, Chandria & others

Village, Sravan Belgola

Taluk, Channarayapatna

District, Hassan

Date of Arzi, 25th February

Date of Receipt, 27th — 10

Date of Disposal,

No. of Enclosure,

ABSTRACT.

Praying that the proposal to levy a pilgrim tax of 3 pies per head on persons coming to Sravana Belgola for the Mastabhishekha ceremony may be kept in abeyance.

No 1509

Recd 3 pork 27. 2. 14

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I Ariandas Rodrigues
Dividu to the Hig Prior
the Monastery of Nyme
Barcelone

Most Honoured Sir

With profound respect
we Jain Inhabitants of Sharavan
Belgola, most humbly & respectfully
beg to bring to your honors knowledge
that there has been some
disturbances moved ~~to~~ two
in the district Board meeting
which was held on 21st ~~July~~ Dec
1860
with effect that a tax of 3 pies
must be levied on each
head who come from different
places for the Mastabhishe
Shikha Pooja of Sree Gomata
Eashwara Swamy. This practice
has not at all been done
at any time. This order is a
quite displeasure to us who be Jains

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I send herewith my humble petition
respectfully requesting that the order
of leaving Europe may be kept
in present in abeyance.

For which act of kindness
I shall ever remain bound
to pray to the Almighty
for the long life health
& prosperity

Yours obedient
servant.

25/2/1910

A. 6348

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.
Dated Hassan 11th March 1910.

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From,

P.R.W.Wetherall Esq,
Deputy Commissioner, District Magistrate,
and
President, District Board,
Hassan.

To,

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer Esq, B.A.
Offg. Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to my letter No. 418/S dated 28th February 1910 and your letter No. J. 2571 / Police 148-09-4 dated 4th March 1910 in reply, on the subject of the objection of the Jain inhabitants of Sravanabelgola against the levy of pilgrim fee during the Mastaka-abhishekham ceremony of Sri Gomateshwaraswami, I have the honour to state that prior to the receipt of your letter above quoted, I proceeded to Chanarayapatna on the 4th instant, and to Sravanabela-gola on the 5th instant, and conferred with the bidders in the auction held by the General Assistant Commissioner for the right of levying tolls including pilgrim fee, and with the leading Jains at Sravanabelgola, resulting in a satisfactory settlement of the matter.

2. The highest bid in the auction for the right of levying tolls including pilgrim fee, was only Rs. 660/-: hence the auction sale was not confirmed. But the separate offer of one Channaveera-Chetty of Krishnarajpet applying for the right of collecting tolls, as well as fees under all heads, during the period of the festival, I accepted for Rs. 2000/- (the amount of estimated income) with the

condition

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1909-10.

From P.R.W. Weddeball Esqr.
Deputy Commissioner,
District Magistrate, and
President Dusteict Board
Hassan.

To
C.S.Balasunderam Iyer Esq, B.A.,
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of
H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl. and Rev. Depts,
Bangalore.

Dated 11th March 1910.

Despatched 12

Received

General No. 435

No. S.

Enclosure No.

Subject.

Reporting the satisfactory settlement concerning the levy of tolls and fees under all heads without the fee of pilgrim fee, at Shravanabelgula on the occasio of the Hasthakabishekam Festival.

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condition that he should not levy pilgrim fee at all. This contractor agreed to these terms and consented to execute a contract-bond accordingly. Moreover, he paid the full amount of Rs. 2000/- into the Channarayapatna Taluk Treasury as separately reported in my letter No. 434/5 of this date.

being separately dealt with in Pt. 15.

3. As the full amount of the estimated Income was thus recovered in advance, without resorting to the levy of Pilgrim fee at all, this settlement is not only acceptable to Government and the District Board, but also most acceptable to the Jains of Sravanabelgola, who are quite averse to the levy of Pilgrim fee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M Wetherall

Deputy Commissioner, District Magte

and

President District Board,

Hassan.

S.R.I.

G.R.S. 28.]

Police 17
File No. 148-09
Serial No. 7

Diary No. of letter replied to

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.
(Police)

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Date of issue 24th March 1910

Signed by Mr S Srinivasaraiya

READ—

G.O. no. J 2550-3-Police 148-09-2 dated the 22nd March 1910 sanctioning the levy of a pilgrim fee during the Mastakabhishekam ceremony of Sri Gomateswaraswami at

ORDER THEREON.—No.

Sravanabelagola.

2 Correspondence ending with letter no. 435/6 dated the 11th March 1910 from the Dy. Commr. & D.C. Magte. of the Hassan Dt. stating that on account of the overpoint

over

objections

SUBJECT.

GPB—5,000—7-5-09

Community

of the Tribe of Sravanalakshmi ~~of~~ to the levy of the pilgrim fee, he has sold the right of collecting tolls as well as other fees under all heads during the period of the ceremony to one Chandrasekharaiah of Krishnarajpet for Rs 2000 on condition that no pilgrim fee should be levied.

Order thereon dtd 2800-2 & 24/3/10.
Pln 148-09-4

Recorded

for Secretary

To The Dt. Magte of the Kasaragod Dt.
The D.I.G. of Police in Mysore
The Comptroller to Govt.

B.G.
21-3-10.

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Compared
23-3-10